

## Mission Statement

The Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility advances public safety and successful re-entry using evidence-based practices through education, training, and inspiring Residents to live as law abiding citizens.

## Facility Overview

Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) is a minimum security level facility, formerly known as Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility, and originally located in the town of Plainfield. This Indiana Department of Correction facility was converted into the nation's first correctional facility dedicated to re-entry on January 13, 2006, after serving as the Indiana Boys' School for over 100 years. IREF relocated to the city of Indianapolis on December 16, 2009, at the former Indiana Women's Prison. It continues to

maintain public safety while providing residents with the skills required for successful reintegration into the community, with the ultimate goal of reducing recidivism. In an effort to meet these goals, IREF attempts to deinstitutionalize its residents by providing them free movement inside a secured perimeter fence in a culture similar to civilian society.

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*Re-entry is  
everyone's business.*

**Laurie Johnson**  
Superintendent

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The Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) is a program primarily focused toward three areas in re-entry preparation -specifically education, job training, and life-skills training. The facility is an open campus environment, with a daily schedule that reflects the “real” world.

Offenders are referred to as “residents” and the entire program operates in a culture of respect and mutual support. Residents are allowed and encouraged to wear civilian clothing (*per facility-specific rules and regulations*). They are also responsible for their program and success, and are held to the highest standards of conduct. Residents who do not meet IREF standards for behavior, attitude, or program participation will be returned to a higher security level facility

Re-entry Specialists (Case Managers / Counselors) maintain caseloads that provide individualized case-management services to residents.

In an effort to meet these goals, IREF attempts to de-institutionalize its residents and creates a culture and environment similar to civilian society inside the secure perimeter of the facility grounds.

## Programs

In order to further educate, train, and inspire the residents, IREF offers many different programs prior to residents’ release. Vocational and Academic programs at IREF include:

- Culinary Arts
- Building Trades
- Business Technology
- GED

## Volunteer Services

IREF offers its residents a variety of volunteer services and programs, including:

- Healthy at Re-Entry
- Becoming the Best You
- Changing Lives Through Literature
- Commercial Drivers License Training
- Living Violence Free
- Dress for Re-Entry
- Educational Tutoring
- Prison Smart
- Financial Awareness Training
- Inside-Out Dads
- Resume Workshop
- Purpose Driven Life
- Quiet Strength
- Reading with Dad and Me
- IUPUI Prison Exchange
- Individual Mentoring
- Toastmasters International
- Various Faith-Based Studies
- Veteran’s Administration
- Staff at IREF are constantly reviewing available programming to ensure that the programs offered meet the needs of the residents.